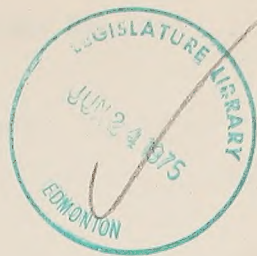


Alta Dept of the Provincial Secretary



TO His Honour,

John Campbell Bowen,

Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta.

Your Honour:

The undersigned has the honour
to present Report prepared with respect to
the chief transactions of the Department of
the Provincial Secretary for the fiscal year
1938-39.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles D. Manning
Provincial Secretary.

Edmonton, February 6, 1940.

Edmonton, February 5th 1940

To

The Honourable Ernest C. Manning, M.L.A.,
Provincial Secretary,
Edmonton, Alta.

Dear Sir:-

I have the honour to submit a Report of the Department of the Provincial Secretary for the fiscal year ended March 31st 1939, included in which is the Report of the Superintendent of Insurance and the Fire Commissioner.

REVENUE

1938-39

Fuel Oil Tax Act.....	\$2,953.128.44
Vehicles & Highway Traffic Act..	1,912.675.49
Corporations Taxation Act.....	1,049.644.65
Railway Taxation Act.....	439.148.40

Amusements Tax Act:

Amusements Tax.....	\$157.959.23	
Pari Mutuel.....	26.652.00	184.611.23

Theatres Act:

Censorship fees...	25.721.00	
Licence fees.....	17.551.00	43.272.00

Insurance and Prevention Act.-	146.102.00
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Corporations Temporary Additional Taxation Act:

Surcharge under The Corporations Taxation Act.-	41.206.00
Surcharge under the Companies Act and the Railway Taxation Act.-	39.322.23

The Companies Act:

Registration Fees Alberta Companies.-	\$19.161.50	
Registration Fees Foreign Companies.-	<u>10.540.00</u>	29.701.50

Miscellaneous Registrations and Licences.-	1.840.00
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Total.....	\$6,840.651.94
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PREVIOUS YEAR.....	<u>6,159.612.56</u>
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INCREASE over Previous Year.-	\$ 681.039.38
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MOTOR VEHICLES

All licences under The Vehicles & Highway Traffic Act are in effect for the twelve months commencing April 1st in each year, except Chauffeurs' licences which are in force for a calendar year.

Comparative Statement of Licences Issued

	April 1st to Jan. 31st 1940 (10 months)	1938-39
Pleasure Cars.....	68,000	85325
Trucks.....	22,041	20295
Taxis.....	230	286
Motor Cycles.....	668	605
Drivers' licences.....	135,000	129273
Chauffeurs' licences, (calendar year).....	7517	6960

Motor Vehicle Accidents 1939

	Number	Injured	Killed or Died from Injuries.
Calgary City.....	2450	226	7
Edmonton City.....	1237	121	14
Lethbridge City.....	399	32	0
Medicine Hat City...	243	24	1
Drumheller City.....	44	5	0
Red Deer City.....	42	3	0
Wetaskiwin City.....	8	1	0
Railway Crossings...	12	12	6
Other Places.....	863	365	44
Total.....	5298	789	72
1938.....	5164	726	55

The seven cities in the Province contributed 4,426 accidents, resulting in injuries to 412 persons and death to twenty-two (22).

FATAL MOTOR ACCIDENTS.

(Comparative Statement)

<u>MONTHS</u>	<u>1939</u>	<u>1938</u>	<u>1937</u>
January	6	2	2
February	2	2	2
March	5	5	3
April	4	1	2
May	6	9	8
June	3	5	5
July	6	5	6
August	6	4	6
September	5	5	6
October	8	7	5
November	11	4	8
December	10	6	3
Total.-	72	55	56
<u>Year 1936.--</u>	72		

FATAL ACCIDENTS

1.- Pedestrians.....	20
2.- Bicyclists.....	8
3.- Children playing in the Street or darting across the roadway.....	7
4.- Motor Cyclists.....	5
5.- At Railway Crossings.....	6
6.- Jolted or fell from moving motor vehicles.....	5
7.- Icy, slippery roads, Skidding,) Blowouts.) Hit and Run) Collision.)	21
	72

NOTE: --

Twenty-Four (24) drivers involved in the seventy-two
(72) fatal accidents lost their lives.

Non-Fatal Accidents

In the number 789 injured, - pedestrians accounted for 192, of which 77 pedestrians were injured in Edmonton and 72 in Calgary.

Vehicles Involved

In the seventy^{four} (72) deaths, nineteen (19) trucks were involved, four (4) of which were at railway crossings.

In the total accidents amounting to 5298, -trucks numbering 792 were involved.

Fatal Accidents.- Particulars.

1939

January

- 1.- George Jarvis, Poplar Ridge.- killed when truck driven by S. Morigeau, brother-in-law, skidded into a ditch near Red Deer.
- 2.- R. McCartney, Rowley.- Killed whilst driving. Plunged over an embankment. Presumed lost his way in a fog.
- 3.- Wm. Lyle, Spruce Grove.- Front tire blew out on truck. Jumped and load of lumber on truck toppled on Lyle. Scene of accident near Spruce Grove.
- 4.- Emil Splett, Edmonton.- Pedestrian killed by a car operated by H. Roberts on 104th Ave. Edmonton.
- 5.- Alex Montana, Edmonton.- Pedestrian killed by a car operated by L.W. Ryan of Edmonton at Jasper and 112th St.
- 6.- John Forcide, Claresholm.- Killed when his car skidded on icy hill near Claresholm.

February

- 1.- L. Louchart, Pincher Creek.- Killed whilst driving from Lethbridge after attending a Hockey Match - Collided on a Hill with an oil truck.
- 2.- R.J. Croucher, Calgary.- Killed by a car driven by T. ^{Shale} ~~Scarie~~ Jr. whilst walking along side his milk wagon on Centre Hill in Calgary. The driver sentenced to one year in Lethbridge Gaol by Mr. Justice Ewing on April 20th 1939.

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March

- 1.- V.F. Tigner, Calgary.- Killed whilst driving his truck. Ran into a C.P.R. train at an East End Crossing in Calgary.
- 2.- Geo. Metz, Didsbury.- Killed whilst driving truck - struck by a C.P.R. train at level crossing South of Didsbury.
- 3.- Dorothy M. Chisholm, Edmonton.- Killed by a car driven by K.J. McKenzie whilst crossing Whyte Ave in Edmonton on her way from School.
- 4.- P. Desjardin, Waterton.- Killed near Waterton - Was a passenger in a car driven by L. Dunn. Desjardin fell out of car when door flew open in making a turn and he was run over and killed by a truck following closely behind, which was driven by A. Cafagrande of Hillcrest.
- 5.- Jas. Dickson, Edmonton.- Killed whilst driving on Calgary-Edmonton Highway near Airdrie - Dickson swung out to pass a parked truck and collided with a Northbound oil truck driven by G. Walters.

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April

- 1.- W. Hall, Sexsmith.- Killed near low level bridge, Edmonton when jolted out of a careening car 2 a.m. Sunday morning. Driver, Clarence Radomiski, who received a gaol senetence.
- 2.- Spencer Anderson, Cardston.- Died from injuries when his car skidded into a ditch and overturned near Cardston.
- 3.- W. Clements, Calgary.- Five year old boy killed. Ran between two parked cars in Calgary. Car driven by P. Saaer, Hubalta.
- 4.- C. Wilkinson, Millarville.- Killed when his car impaled by four huge lengths of oil well pipe 16 miles South of Calgary on Midnapore-Priddis road.

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May

- 1.- Joseph Murray Calgary.- Both killed in a head on collision near Earl Balfour) High River with truck driven by T. Kearney of Calgary.
- 2.- F.G. Morris, Pincher Creek.- Killed when his motor cycle collided in a head on collision with a car near Coleman.
- 3.- Vida Srolovitz, Calgary.- Five year old girl killed whilst chasing a ball in the Street in Calgary, by a truck driven by Walter E. Kliss of Calgary.
- 4.- C. Stout, Calgary.- Killed whilst riding his bicycle in Calgary by a car driven by Harry G. Wilmot.
- 5.- H. Perrin, Macleod.- Killed in Town of Macleod. Road his bicycle off sidewalk in way of passing truck driven by R. Dixon.

June

- 1.- Robt. Foster, Edmonton.- Pedestrian died from injuries sustained by a car driven by W.H.C. Kerr, Edmonton at 118th Ave and 124th Street, Edmonton.
- 2.- W.O. Howatt, Edmonton.- Killed whilst riding bicycle down McDougall Hill in Edmonton. Swung out behind a car and ran into one driven by Hugh Ludgate of Edmonton.
- 3.- Mike Kotechonski, - Killed when lost control and thrown from his motor cycle near East Gate of Banff National Park.

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July

- 1.- E. Nolan, - Died from injuries sustained when his motor cycle collided with another car on Fort Road.
 - 2.- V.P. Shimmers, Calgary.- Killed in a car driven by F. Soltice of Calgary. Ran into ditch and hit a telegraph pole.
 - 3.- Louis Barons Camrose.- Killed when collided with a truck driven by W. Bowthorpe of Round Hill.
 - 4.- Wm Barnes, Consort Dist.- Jumped on the running board of a truck driven by C. Halverson of Hanna to ride to field where his hired man was working - then jumped off moving car and slipped under the wheels which passed over his chest. Died.
 - 5.- Wm Buttrey, Medicine Hat.- Pedestrian struck by a car driven by L. A. Burkland at 2nd St and North Railway St. in Medicine Hat.
- Mrs. Alethea E. Van Slyke, 9916 88th Ave. Edmonton, died in Royal Alexandra Hospital Saturday July 29th 1939 from fracture at base of the skull, sustained Tuesday July 25th when she stepped from a moving motor vehicle.
- 1.- Clarence Smith, Telfordville.- Bicyclist struck and killed by a car driven by E.J. Lakise of Thorsby.
 - 2.- Whitney Ellis (age 12) Both killed in a car driven by T.H. Newman Richard Newman (age 2) whilst on way to Edmonton to attend Circus that day. Car skidded and overturned when trying to pass two other cars - scene $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles South of Edmonton.
 - 3.- S.G. Stimson, Edmonton.- Killed when his motor cycle overturned in ditch. Believed struck soft shoulder in Road N. of Leduc.

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- 4.- V. Holmberg Spirit River. Pedestrian on highway. Stepped in front of a moving truck and killed.
- 5.- O.H. Berg, Killam. - Killed when his car skidded off road near Killam.

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September

- 1.- Michael Pruss, St Michael Dist. - Fell from his ~~bicycle~~ bicycle in front of moving car driven by J. Pany of St Michael and killed.
- 2.- Harold Kadlec, Longview. - Boy twenty (20) months of age killed instantly by a truck whilst playing in the backyard of his home.
- 3.- N. Sulyak, Brooks. - Killed when his Coupe struck by a C.P.R. West bound train at level crossing near Brooks.
- 4.- Fred Kemper. - Killed when he drove his truck on to a railway crossing in front of an approaching C.P.R. train near Taber. (Farm Truck Lic.D. 13485)
- 5.- D.A. Griffin-Beale. - Four year old Turner Valley Boy killed by a car near Black Diamond - Operator T.A. Goodison, Black Diamond.

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October

- 1.- E. Lumsden, Tawatinaw. - Killed on highway (Pedestrian) whilst walking on roadway near Westlock by a car driven by G. Fraser, Edmonton.
- 2.- Donald Burns (age 13) Olds. - Killed whilst riding his bicycle on highway at night near Olds. Operator J. McDougall, Edmonton.
- 3.- N. Stepanki, Mundare. - Pedestrian - killed on highway by truck driven by S. Pedun.
- 4.- Thos. Deehan, Edmonton. - Pedestrian knocked down and killed by an auto driven by Fred Burden of Edmonton in Edmonton.
- 5.- C. Holm, Chauvin. - Killed whilst riding in a car driven by Jno. ~~Emick~~ Saker of Chauvin. Skidded and upset in the ditch on Cooking Lake Trail two miles South from Edmonton.
- 6.- J.A.O. Letourneau, Tofield. - Killed when car he was driving ~~skidded~~ skidded and overturned six miles West of Tofield.
- 7.- J.R. Kiff, Sedalia. - Killed when his car skidded into ditch near Sedalia.
- 8.- L. Phillips. - Pedestrian - Killed whilst walking on highway near Shaughnessy. Operated by one Cruickshank. Car and Pedestrian travelling in the same direction.

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NOVEMBER

- 1.- Carl Renes (5)
Mrs Renes of Brightview.- Triple Tragedy. Car in which they
Baby Renes were travelling struck by a C.P.R. train at
level crossing near Kavanagh.
- 2.- C. Pruden, Prince Albert.- Pedestrian struck and killed by a
car driven by H. Hartley of Edmonton whilst walking on 164th
Ave. Edmonton.
- 3.- W. Pliege, Camrose.- Pedestrian killed by an auto at 161st
St near 163rd Ave. Edmonton. Operator W. Herch, Edmonton.
- 4.- Henry Lemer.- Killed at Daysland when his car was struck by a
freight train near Daysland.
- 5.- Mrs. Brown, Edmonton.- Pedestrian died from injuries sustain-
ed by being struck by a car driven by Roy Usher of Edmonton
at Jasper Ave. and 105th St. Edmonton.
- 6.- Mrs. Anna Kinson, Calgary.- Pedestrian struck and killed by a
motor cycle operated by R.A. Young at 9th Ave and 8th St. East,
Calgary.
- 7.- Anthony McSween, Forst Lawn.- Pedestrian on highway struck and
killed by a truck driven by J.W. Wenmouth of Kindersley, Sask.
Scene near Strathmore - Gasoline tank truck.
- 8.- L.L. Saar, Strathmore.- Boy 12 struck by a truck near Strath-
more operated by G. Field of Strathmore. The boy jumped
- 11.- A. Savickus (age 6) Edmonton, struck down and killed by
an Edmonton City Motor Bus, on 95th Street near 103rd
Ave. Edmonton (Defined as motor vehicle, Sec. 2g, V.H.T. Act.

DECEMBER

- 1.- Rudolph Christianson, Calgary.- Whilst operating motor cycle
on Banff-Calgary highway lost control of motor cycle on a
curve 20 miles West of Calgary.
- 2.- H. Shermack, Camrose.- Truck in which he was driving collided
with the piling of a subway one mile South of Camrose- He was
returning from a Wedding.
- 3.- Mrs. Jno Barratt, Calgary.- Killed in a car collision 1½ miles
West of Calgary- Car driven by her son-in-law D. Gillingham.
- 4.- Jack Nash, Calgary.- Killed in a head on collision with
another car near Okotoks.
- 5.- Mrs. G.A. Patterson, Calgary.- Pedestrian killed by a car on
10th N.W. Calgary. Laid down with Xmas presents and hurrying
across St. about two blocks from her home. Operator W.G.
Hinde, Calgary.
- 6.- Jos. Williams, Lac Ste Anne.- Pedestrian struck whilst walking
on highway near Wetaskiwin shortly after midnight. Hit & Run.
- 7.- Alex Pomm, Drumheller.- Pedestrian found in a dying condition
on roadway leading to Rosedale. Car passed over Pomm. Presumed
Hit and run driver.
- 8.- Alex Murray, Edmonton.- Pedestrian died from injuries sustain-
ed when struck by a car driven by Harold Love, Edmonton at
100th Ave and 104th St. Edmonton.
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Dec. (continued)

- 9.- Mrs. A.F. Ford, Castor.- Died from injuries sustained when car driven by her husband skidded on icy roadway into a metal light standard caving in door on side on which Mrs. Ford was seated.
- 10.- Edward Locken, Ellerslie.- Killed whilst riding his bicycle at night on highway near Ellerslie. Hit and run.
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General Type of All Accidents.

Pedestrian.
Automobile Collision
Horse drawn Vehicles
R.R. trains.
Stock on road.
Street Car
Other Vehicles.
Fixed Object
Bicycle
Miscellaneous.

Cause.

Excess Speeding
Wrong side of road
No right of way
Careless or negligent driving
Failed to Signal
Parked Cars
Cars without lights
Cars parked without lights
No trailer lights
Unlighted other vehicles.
Glaring lights.
One or both lights out
Cars stopped suddenly - Following too closely.
Cars failing to come to a stop when entering a highway.
Drivers taking chances on curves and at intersections.
Cars passing on Hills.
Cars backing from Curbs
Cars taking to the ditch to avoid an accident
Poor visibility
Sun glare
Dust and Wind
View Obstructions
Wet, slippery, icy and snow roads.
Loose Gravel
No lights on wagons, sleighs or trailers.
Fatigue of driver
Mechanism of car (brakes, loose wheel etc.)
Blowouts.

MOTORISTS SENTENCED TO GAOL
Terms in the Provincial Gaols.

	<u>Number</u>
1.- Intoxicated whilst in charge of a Motor Vehicle -	36
2.- Manslaughter -	2
3.- Dangerous and reckless driving and other breaches of the Law -	25
Total -	<u>63</u>

Summary of other Convictions during 1939
Resulting in Fines.

1.- Without drivers or chauffeurs licence -	653
2.- Failing to register motor vehicle -	321
3.- Number Plates on Motor Vehicle other than one registered -	87
4.- No lights or reflectors -	521
5.- Inefficient Brakes -	139
6.- No mirror on trucks -	40
7.- Failing to keep to centre line -	356
8.- Failing to return to scene of or report accident -	110
9.- Other breaches of the law -	440
Total -	<u>2,667</u>

Suspensions.

1.- Drivers' Licences -	213
2.- Chauffeurs' Licences -	11

AMUSEMENTS TAX BRANCH

	<u>1938-39</u>	<u>1937-38</u>
Edmonton -	\$ 55,947.89 -	\$ 45,479.87
Calgary -	51,439.35 -	56,247.06
Lethbridge -	10,983.62 -	10,953.71
Medicine Hat -	4,328.03 -	3,408.47
Other Places -	35,260.34 -	27,409.60
	<u>\$ 157,959.25</u>	<u>\$ 141,498.71,</u>

LICENCES ISSUED UNDER THE THEATRES ACT.

Cities -	26
Towns -	49
Villages -	88
Film Exchanges -	9
Entertainment Halls -	<u>728</u>
Total -	<u>900</u>

MISCELLANEOUS

Itinerant Exhibitors,	21
Circuses and Travelling Shows -	<u>34</u>
Total -	<u>55</u>

INSPECTIONS UNDER THE THEATRES ACT Table No. 1

Tabulation of Plans Surveyed, Places Inspected, and Number of Recommendations made under The Theatres Regulations for the Year beginning April 1, 1938, and ending March 31, 1939.

Number of Plans surveyed -	69
New Halls recommended for licence -	69
Number of Theatres inspected -	99
Recommendations re wiring -	65
Recommendations re Fire Precautions -	66
Recommendations re Exits -	66
Recommendations re Aisles and Seating -	36
Recommendations re Ventilation and Sanitation -	42

Table No. 2

Tabulation of Projection Rooms and Projectors Inspected & Recommendations made under The Theatre Regulations for the 12 month period, from April 1, 1938, to March 31, 1939.

Projection rooms inspected -	96
Number of Projectors inspected -	140
Recommendations for repairs -	92
Projectors condemned as defective -	5
Recommendations re wiring -	71
Recommendations re Fire precautions -	84
Recommendations re ventilation -	41
Number of Projection Rooms condemned -	13

Table No. 3

Summary of Examinations together with number and class of Certificates issued to projectioners for the 12 month period from April 1, 1938, to March 31, 1939.

Number of Licences issued	
First -	102
Second -	129
Third -	53
Apprentice -	50
Provisory Permit -	159
Narrow Gauge -	41
Total -	534
Number of Examinations held	
First -	21
Second -	23
Third -	27
Narrow Gauge -	Nil
Total -	71
Temporary Permissions Granted -	28

Table No. 4

Record of Adverse Film Reports and their Disposition for the 12 month period, from April 1, 1938, to March 31, 1939.

	<u>Cleaned</u>	<u>Revised</u>	<u>Re-edited</u>	<u>Condemned</u>
Columbia -	40	24	--	2
Empire -	16	20	--	3
First National -	1	--	--	1
Fox -	41	15	--	-
General -	0	--	--	-
Grand National -	3	--	--	-
Paramouht -	31	26	--	3
Regal -	18	23	--	-
R.K.O. -	39	23	--	-
United Artists -	22	12	1	1
Universal -	17	7	--	-
Vitagraph -	45	28	2	2
Warner Bros. -	4	5	--	-

THE COMPANIES ACT.

	<u>1938-39</u>	<u>1937-38</u>
1.- Registrations of Local Companies -	168	150
2.- Registrations of Companies incorporated outside Alberta -	69	47

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. Smith

Deputy Provincial Secretary.